MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE

SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,

In the State of Ohio,

CONVENED AT ZANESVILLE, OHIO, IN TRINITY WEEK, A. D. 1830.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, of Ohio, convened at Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, on the 5th day of June, 1830; when Pastor Weygandt delivered, at 2 o'clock, P. M., a sermon preparatory for the Lord's Supper, from Matthew 5, 1—4, in the German, and Pastor Brown, from Matth. 5, 4, in the English language. After which, Confession and Absolution were solemnized by the Minister of the congregation.

On Sunday morning, the 6th instant, at half past 9, the Ministers and Lay-Delegates repaired from the Parsonage into the Lutheran Church, and joined with a numerous congregation in the solemnities of divine worship.

Pastor Heincke preached from Luke 14, 17, in the German, and Pastor C. Henkel, from 2 Cor. 4, 7, in the English language. Immediately after this, the Lord's Supper was administered to the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, and then to the members of the congregation.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., Pastor Stauch delivered a pastoral discourse from John 17, 3; and in the evening, Pastor Schweizerbarth preached a sermon from Isaiah, 40, 9, in the English language.

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1830.

MORNING SESSION.

After the Ministers and Lay-Delegates had, at 9 o'clock, assembled in the Lutheran Church, the Session was opened by singing a portion of a hymn, and offering up a prayer to the heavenly Throne of Grace, by the President.

CLERICAL MEMBERS PRESENT.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

1. Pastor Stauch, Crawford county, Ohio.
2. —— Weygandt, Wayne county, Ohio.
3. —— Leist, Pickaway county, Ohio.
4. —— Espich, New-Philadelphia.
5. —— Steck, jr., Greensburgh, Pennsylvania.
6. —— A. Henkle, Germantown, Ohio.
7. —— Schuh, Bucyrus, Ohio.
8. —— Kaemmerer, Zanesville, Ohio.
9. —— C. Henkel, Somerset, Ohio.
10. —— H. Heincke, Miamiesburgh, Ohio.
11. —— Schweizerbarth, Zelinople, Penn.
12. —— Wagenhals, Lancaster, Ohio.
13. —— Manning, Annapolis, Jefferson county, Ohio.

CANDIDATES:

14. Cand. Fast, Stark county, Ohio.
15. —— Schmidt, Canton, Ohio.
16. —— Schæffer, Columbiana county, Ohio.
17. —— Rothacker, Centreville, Columbiana county, Ohio.
18. —— Gruber, Preble county, Ohio.

CATECHETS:

19. Catech. Zerfass, Preble county, Ohio.

LAY-DELEGATES.

1. Mr. Michael Koller, Richland county, Ohio.
2. — Henry Lehman, Wayne county, Ohio.
3. — Michael Nye, Fairfield county, Ohio.
4. — C. Otto Wolpers, Germantown, Ohio.
5. — Levi Keister, Crawford county, Ohio.
6. — John Alter, Zanesville, Ohio.
7. — Andrew Arndt, Somerset, Ohio.
8. — Jacob Mechling, Butler county, Penn.
9. — John Herman, Lancaster, Ohio.
10. — Philip Alt, Belmont county, Ohio.
11. — Henry Eberhart, Stark county, Ohio.
12. — Jacob Bucher, Canton, Ohio.
13. — Christian Schedt, Columbiana county, Ohio.
14. — George Berg, Tuscarawas county, Ohio.
15. — Leonard Lengel, Butler county, Ohio.
16. — Christian Heyl, Columbus, Ohio.

CLERICAL MEMBERS ABSENT.

Pastor Steck, Senior of the Ministerium, with excuse.
—— Huet, with excuse.

Pastor Reinhart, with excuse.
—— Rieman, without excuse.
—— Schneider, with excuse.
—— Mechling, do.
Cand. Melsheimer, do.
—— Kugler, do.

The following Ministers were introduced, by the President, to the Synod; and, upon motion, entitled to vote during the present Session:

Pastor Herbst, Delegate from the Rev. Lutheran General Synod;
—— Reichert, do. do. do. Synod of West Pa.
—— Wm. Schultz, } both members of the Rev. Lutheran Sy-
—— Brown, } nod of West-Pennsylvania;
—— Stirewalt, member of the Rev. Lutheran Synod of Tennessee;

Candidate Edward Schultz, member of the Rev. Lutheran Synod of East-Penn.

Agreeably to the Constitution, the Synod then elected their officers, for the ensuing year, viz:

Pastor Andrew Henkle, President;
—— H. Heincke, Secretary;
—— J. Wagenhals, Treasurer.

The Synod, being thus organized, the written communications, directed to this body, were received by the President, numbered and distributed among seven Committees, with instructions to report in the afternoon.

The *First Committee* consisted of—Pastor Stauch, Cand. Rothacker, and Lay-Delegate Herman.

Second—Pastor Schweizerbarth, Wagenhals, and Lay-Delegate Wolpers.

Third—Pastor Weygandt, Candidate Schmidt, and Lay-Delegate Nye.

Fourth—Pastor C. Henkel, Candidate Fast, and Lay-Delegate Koller.

Fifth—Pastor Espich, Schuh, and Lay-Delegate Heyl.

Sixth—Pastor Leist, Steck, jr., and Lay-Delegate Mechling.

Seventh—Candidate Schæffer, Gruber, and Lay-Delegate Berg.

The Proceedings of the last Synod were then read, and the morning Session closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3 o'clock.

The Session was opened with prayer.

REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE.

No. 1—Contains a Missionary Report of Pastor Stauch, from which it appears that he travelled three months in different counties, preached 39 times, baptized 41 children, confirmed 4, administered the Lord's Supper to 104 communicants, visited several families, and collected $3 75.

Resolved, That this Report be accepted, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay him the sum of $25 00 per month, as stipulated at the last Session.

No. 2—A Missionary Report of Pastor Espich, in which he states that he travelled 400 miles, preached 13 times, baptized 4 children, and collected $1 50.

Resolved, That the Report be accepted, and that, for these services, he receive $25 00, out of the Treasury.

No. 3—A communication from the congregations of Candidate Kugler, in which they express their approbation of his official conduct; also, an apology for his non-attendance at Synod, in consequence of sickness in his family, with a request for the renewal of his license.

This favorable Report, respecting C. Kugler, was received, by the Synod, with satisfaction; and,

Resolved, That his absence from the Session, in consideration of the reasons assigned, be excused, and that reference shall be had, to the renewal of his license, in the Ministerial Session.

No. 4—The Proceedings of the Rev. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of West-Pennsylvania, convened at Bedford, Pennsylvania, in October, 1829, from which we perceive that Pastor Mechling, our Delegate, was cordially received by that body; that they resolved to transmit to us 25 copies of their Proceedings, and appointed Pastor Reichert a Delegate to our present Session.

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the love and friendship of those brethren; and that, as an evidence that we appreciate their friendly sentiments towards us, we send them 25 copies of our Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE.

No. 5—A letter from the congregation in Millersburg, Holmes county, wherein they desire to be supplied with a Minister.

Resolved, That reference will be had, to this congregation, in the appointment of Missionaries.

No. 6—A letter from the Rev. E. T. Hazelius, D. D., President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New-York, to the Secretary of our Synod, in which he imparts the friendly advice, that, while our Synod has no institution for the education of the Ministry, in this State, they should send their young men, who wish to apply themselves to the study of Divinity, to the Hartwick Seminary, New-York. The Committee move that the letter be read before the Synod, and that an additional portion of time be granted them, that they may be enabled, definitely, to express their views to the Synod concerning this important subject.

The letter being read, it was

Resolved, That the committee report on to-morrow afternoon.

No. 7—A letter from Candidate Melshimer, in which he assigns bodily infirmity, and want of means to defray travelling expenses to the Synod, as reasons for his absence from the present Session. He farther states, that he transmitted, by Candidate Schmidt, his collec-

tion, amounting to $9 75; also, his Parochial Report, and prays for the renewal of his license.

Resolved, That his absence be excused, and that the renewal of his license be deferred to the Ministerial Session.

No. 8—A letter from the congregation at Canton, wherein the Synod is earnestly solicited to appoint Canton as the place of the next Session, inasmuch as such an arrangement would not only greatly promote the completion of their Church, which is then to be consecrated, but also add to the solemnities of the consecration. The Committee propose that the letter be read.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That due reference shall be had, to this request, when the place of our next Session will be taken into consideration.

No. 9—The Proceedings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East-Pennsylvania, in which the Committee could not perceive any thing special, referring to our body.

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the receipt of several numbers of their Proceedings; and that, in manifestation of our love to them, we transmit to them 15 copies of the Minutes of our transactions.

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE.

No. 10—A friendly communication from the Rev. Voigt, Pastor of the German Reformed Church in Centreville, Ohio, wherein he announces to this Synod, that the Rev. West-Pennsylvania Classis, of the Rev. General Synod of the Reformed Church, convened at Greensburgh, Pa., had appointed a Committee to confer with our body, and the Rev. Reformed Synod of Ohio, whether it would not be practicable and advisable, with united efforts, to direct our attention to the compilation or purchase of books, suitable for German Sunday Schools of both denominations.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take the subject into consideration, and report to-morrow afternoon.

Pastor Steck, Schweizerbarth, and Schmidt, constitute the Committee.

No. 11—A letter from Pastor Hewit, assigning bodily infirmity as the reason of his non-attendance at the present Session. He transmits his collections, and Parochial Report, and prays that the blessings of God may rest upon our transactions.

Resolved, That he be excused.

No. 12—A Report of the Missionary services of Candidate Gruber, through a part of the States of Ohio and Indiana. He travelled in the first three months, from the 12th of August until the 11th of November, 1829, 1024 miles; and from the 15th to the 26th of January, 1830, 118 miles. During that time, he preached 24 times, baptized 38 children and adults, confirmed 28, and, at two different times, administered the Lord's Supper to 98 communicants. But, although Candidate Gruber travelled three months, he, nevertheless, demands a remuneration but for six weeks; and, whereas, he per-

formed eleven days of Missionary services afterwards, the Committee, therefore, propose that he be recompensed for two months services.

Resolved, That Candidate Gruber receive the stipulated compensation for two months, out of the Treasury.

No. 13—A petition from several congregations, in Richland county, Ohio, in which they inform the Synod of their destitute situation, and request to be supplied with a Minister.

Resolved, That, if no one of the Ministers present should be inclined to visit and take charge of said congregations, the Secretary shall notify them, by letter, that the Synod will endeavor to provide for them.

Closed with prayer.

In the evening, Pastor Herbst preached from Rom. 8, latter clause of the 9th verse, in the German language.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8th—8 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

The Session was opened with singing and prayer.

Continuation of the Report of the Third Committee.

No. 14—Contains the Proceedings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South-Carolina. From these Proceedings it appears that that Rev. Synod recommended to the Lutheran congregations, in their respective districts, the celebration of the 25th of June, 1830, as being the day of the 300th anniversary, on which the *Confession of Faith* of our Church was delivered to the Diet at Augsburg. The Committee, therefore, move that the Synod take into consideration, whether the celebration of that day, which is so highly important to the Protestant Churches, should not be recommended to the congregations in our district.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all Ministers, belonging to this Synod, to encourage their respective congregations to celebrate the 25th day of June, as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God, and that, on that day, the AUGSBURG CONFESSION OF FAITH be publicly read.

The Committee, in the same number, farther observe, that agreeably to a Resolution, passed by the Rev. Synod of South-Carolina, 2 copies of their Proceedings were transmitted to us—Therefore,

Resolved, That we transmit to them 5 copies of our Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE.

No. 15—Several communications, from the congregations of Candidate Shæffer, in Columbiana county, wherein they express their approbation of his moral and official conduct, and desire that he may be continued among them.

The Synod receive this Report with pleasure, and willingly grant their request.

No. 16—Communications of similar contents, from the congregations of Candidate Rothacker, and a petition from Zion's Church, in Tuscarawas county, wherein they pray the Synod to make, if possible, such arrangements that said Candidate might devote one-half of his time to their services.

As it regards the petition of Zion's Church, it was

Resolved, That the Synod cannot grant the request therein made: But, nevertheless, his continuance among them, as heretofore, is cordially granted, and the testimonials, in his favor, received with pleasure.

No. 17—The Proceedings of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, wherein the Committee could perceive nothing particularly relative to our Synod, except a Resolution to transmit to us 10 copies of their Proceedings; wherefore,

Resolved, That 10 copies of our Proceedings be transmitted to them.

REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE.

No. 18—Contains the Proceedings of the Rev. Lutheran General Synod, from which it appears that the Rev. Pastor Herbst was appointed a Delegate to our Synod.

On motion,

Resolved, That 10 copies of our Proceedings be transmitted to that reverend body.

REPORT OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE.

No. 19—Is a letter from four congregations in Franklin and Delaware counties, namely, Columbus, Delaware, Hoelzel's, and Ridenhour's, wherein they express their gratitude for the annual Missionary supplies from this body, during their destitute situation; and announce, at the same time, that they engaged the Rev. Edw'd Shulz, member of the Rev. East-Pennsylvania Synod, as their Minister; they also express their approbation of his doctrine and conduct since he has been among them, and pray that he might be admitted to membership in our Synod, supplicating the Divine favor upon all our transactions.

Resolved, That the request of the congregations, to admit Mr. Shulz to membership in our Synod, be granted, provided he pass examination.

No. 20—Two communications, signed by 22 subscribers, from Crawford county, Pa., wherein it is stated, that Mr. Edward Shulz had been upwards of a year ministering in their neighborhood, and that, during their acquaintance with him, there was no blame attached to his conduct.

No. 21—Is a writing from the Wolf-creek congregation, Mercer county, Pa., wherein they prefer some charges against Candidate Kugler, viz: that he officiated in their congregation without being called, and that the Committee, appointed last year, to investigate the case between them and Candidate Kugler, had acted partially:

they, therefore, request the Synod that Candidate Kugler might be removed.

Deferred to the Ministerial Session.

REPORT OF THE SEVENTH COMMITTEE.

No. 22—Contains a petition from two congregations in Crawford county, Pa., formerly under the charge of Mr. Edward Shulz, praying that Mr. Elihu Rathbun might be appointed their Minister.

Resolved, That Mr. Rathbun be permitted to attend said congregations, provided he pass examination.

No. 23—The Proceedings of the Rev. Reformed Synod of Ohio, and the Rev. West-Pennsylvania Classis of the Rev. Reformed General Synod, which bodies transmitted the Proceedings of their Sessions to us.

Resolved, That 15 copies of our Proceedings be transmitted to the Rev. Reformed Synod of Ohio, and 10 copies to the Rev. W. Pennsylvania Classis.

Concluded with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 O'CLOCK.

The Session was opened with prayer.

The Committee appointed to present a Liturgy, in the English language, to the present Session, reported as follows:

Agreeably to a Resolution of the Synod, convened at Canfield, Ohio, 1828, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to compile a Liturgy in the English language, for the use of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of Ohio. In conformity to that appointment, they have endeavored, according to the best of their knowledge and abilities, to present such a Liturgy to the Rev. Synod, now in Session, and recommend it to their approbation.

The Committee, being fully persuaded that said Liturgy is arranged according to the spirit and doctrines of our Church, and that it contains a complete selection of forms, they can, therefore, conscientiously, present to the Rev. Synod the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Liturgy be accepted, and printed as soon as possible; and that the expenses of the printing thereof be defrayed out of the Treasury, and that the proceeds of the sales of the work, be refunded into the Treasury.

DAVID SCHUH,
SAMUEL KEAMMERER,
CHARLES HENKLE,
JOHN WAGENHALS,
JAMES MANNING.

Resolved, That this Report be accepted.

The President appointed Pastor C. Henkle and Wagenhals a Committee to superintend the printing of the work.

Resolved, That not less than 200, nor more than 300, copies be printed.

Resolved, That the English Catechism, published under the auspices of the Rev. Lutheran General Synod, be examined by a Committee, whether it correspond with the German edition of Doctor Martin Luther's Smaller Catechism; and that, after translating into the English language, and annexing the twenty-eight Articles of the Augsburg Confession of Faith, the Confession of Sin, and the short Introductory Questions, said Catechism shall be printed.

The Committee, appointed to take charge of this publication, consists of Pastor Steck, jr., Mechling, and Schweizerbarth.

Resolved, That 2000 Catechisms be printed, viz: 1000 with, and 1000 without, the Augsburg Confession of Faith.

Resolved, That as soon as the Committee shall have completed the manuscript of the aforesaid Catechism, Augsburgh Confession of Faith, &c., they shall notify the officers of the Synod; and, in case the Synod should, against that time, be supplied with a Press of their own, the work shall be printed there.

The Committee, to whom the letter of the Rev. Dr. Hazelius was re-committed for farther consideration, made the following Report, viz:

That, from the letter of the Rev. Dr. Hazelius, they perceive, that he manifests a warm and active interest for the prosperity of our Church, and expresses a very favorable opinion of the active, though just unfolding, efforts of the Synod of this State; and that he kindly advises this body to send their young men, who desire to be educated for the ministry, to the Hartwick Seminary, in New-York, until such time as we shall be enabled to erect an institution for that purpose in our own State. But, however greatly this friendly advice of the Rev. Dr. is deserving of our gratitude, the Committee should, nevertheless, deem it inexpedient for our Synod to comply with this advice; considering that, agreeably to information, by Pastor Herbst, Dr. Hazelius has, at this time, accepted a Professorship in the Seminary of Gettysburg, and that the distance from this State to Hartwick, New-York, is considerably great, and the sending of our students to that place would, necessarily, be attended with many expenses; and that, supposing this obstacle could easily be surmounted, nevertheless, it is to be considered, that it is the special desire of the Church in the West, to have an institution, for the education of our ministry, within her own borders, where her interests might generally concentrate, and from whence, as from a fountain-head, the doctrines of the *Augsburg Confession of Faith* might be promulgated, literally, purely, and unadulteratedly, and the mild and tolerant spirit of our discipline shed abroad its benign influence; and where the characteristics of *Lutheranism* which neither malice nor art can destroy, nor time efface, might be preserved. But, as it regards the sentiment, expressed by the Rev. Dr., that the establishment of an institution, for the education of young men for the ministry, would not require so great a sum of money as might, at a superficial view, be supposed, is in perfect accordance with the views of the Committee; particularly, if, at the commencement, we should confine

ourselves to an institution in which the elementary, or simply preliminary, sciences would be taught: and more especially, when we contemplate the wonderful work wrought by the faithful FRANKE, in Germany, who, with 11 gilden, (or 4 dollars and 40 cents) laid the foundation of the Orphan Asylum, at Halle, in which the hand of Divine Providence was so manifestly evident; and which, as the most invaluable precedent, should, when we establish an institution designed for the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom, encourage us, without wavering, to rely upon that God with whom all things are possible, and who, in his holy word, said, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

The Committee, therefore, propose—

1. That, whereas, the first and principal obstacle, in the way of erecting a Seminary, consists in affording a salary to the teacher, inquiry be made whether a man, of requisite abilities, might not be found among us, who would, at least for a short space of time, engage to teach the elementary principles, in this institution, gratuitously: And,

2. Whether the second obstacle, which is the obtaining of suitable school books, might not be removed, by accepting of the offer made by several Ministers, and friends of such an institution, who proposed, through the medium of their friends in Germany, to furnish books, sufficient to lay the foundation of a suitable Library.

C. G. SCHWEIZERBARTH,
JOHN WAGENHALS,
C. O. WOLPERS.

Resolved, That this Report be accepted, and that it be the duty of the officers of the Synod to inquire, whether there be a man, of the necessary qualifications, in our connexion, who would take charge of such an institution, according to the plan proposed by the Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine the state of the Treasury, and report thereon to-morrow morning.

Pastor Leist, Candidate Fast, and Lay-Delegate Nye, constitute the Committee.

The Session was closed with prayer.

In the evening, Pastor Manning delivered a discourse from Isaiah 32, 1. 2. in the English language.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th—8 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

After the Session was opened with singing and prayer, the Committee, appointed to investigate the state of the Treasury, reported as follows:

From the Proceedings of last year, it appears that there remained in the Treasury, $501 23

EXPENDITURES DURING LAST YEAR:

Paid to J. Herman, for the printing and stitching of the Proceedings of the preceding year,	$56 87½	
To Pastor Espich, for one month's Missionary services,	15 00	
To Pastor A. Henkle, do.	15 00	
To Candidate Gruber, in advance for Missionary services,	15 00	
To Pastor Steck, jr., for postage,	1 00	
		$102 87½
Remaining in the Treasury,		$398 45½

The Committee, appointed to take into farther consideration the letter of Pastor Voigt, a member of the Rev. West-Pennsylvania Classis of the Rev. Reformed General Synod, [see Report of the Third Committee, No. 10,] reported as follows:

That said Classis expressed a desire that our Synod would unite with them, and the Rev. Reformed Synod of Ohio, for the purpose of publishing books suitable for Sunday Schools. The Committee propose, that this Synod appoint a Committee to confer with the above named reverend bodies on this important subject.

Resolved, That the Report be accepted.

The President nominated Pastor Steck, jr., Mechling and Schweizerbarth, to constitute the Committee.

The Report, made on yesterday afternoon, respecting a Seminary, was resumed for farther consideration.

The President stated to the Synod, that he, having consulted with C. Schmidt, was informed by him, that he would consent to take charge of such an institution, provided no one else among the brethren should be so disposed.

Resolved, That an institution, for the education of young men for the Ministry, be erected; that Candidate Schmidt, whose kind offer to take charge of the institution we gratefully receive, be hereby appointed teacher of the same, and that all Ministers, belonging to this body, be advised to recommend to him those young men who wish to enter upon the Ministry.

Resolved, That this institution be entitled *The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio.*

[The present location of this institution is Canton, Stark county, Ohio.]

Resolved, That, notwithstanding the kind offer of Candidate Schmidt, to take charge of this institution gratuitously, the Synod, nevertheless, deem it, in justice, incumbent upon them to remunerate his labors, as far as the state of their Treasury will allow. But,

as Candidate Schmidt declined receiving any compensation, proposing, at the same time, to render his services, as teacher, two years gratis, in this institution, it was, in accordance with his own advice, therefore,

Resolved, That the compensation, declined by Candidate Schmidt, be appropriated to the employment of an assistant teacher in said institution.

Resolved, That Candidate Schmidt deliver to the Synod, in writing, the plan, according to which he designs to teach, and which he has already partially described.

Resolved, That Pastor Heincke, Schweizerbarth, Wagenhals, and Candidate Schmidt, be appointed to procure, by the aid of their friends in Germany, the necessary books for this institution.

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod compose a Circular Address, in the German language, designed to show the object, manner, and utility, of a Theological Seminary, and to inspire, with an active zeal, the members of our Church, in the district of this Synod, warmly to patronize, and liberally to contribute to the support of this institution.

The Session was closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 o'clock.

The Session was opened with prayer.

The following collections of money, for the Synodical Treasury, were then received, and the Ministers made their Parochial Reports of the number of baptisms, &c., since the last meeting of the Synod.

NAMES OF MINISTERS.	Collections. $	Cts.	Congreg.	Baptized.	Confirm'd	Comm'ts.	Deaths.	Schools.
Pastor Stauch,	3	72	00	46	25	104	00	00
—— Weygandt,	8	00	8	65	49	474	13	1
—— Hewit,	7	00	7	115	44	610	13	9
—— Reinhart, no Report,	00	00	00	000	00	000	00	00
—— Leist,	11	00	5	145	00	360	12	8
—— Rieman, no Report,	00	00	00	000	00	000	00	00
—— Espich,	1	50	00	10	00	000	3	00
—— Stech, jr., and Steck, sen.	35	75	9	236	18	781	33	3
—— Schneider,	2	00	5	129	35	357	18	7
—— A. Henkle,	16	00	4	133	42	768	15	5
—— Schuh,	13	37½	4	30	00	90	8	00
—— Kaemmerer,	4	27	6	71	14	265	5	00
—— Mechling,	7	27	7	120	39	350	00	3
—— C. Henkle,	18	15	8	159	00	519	13	1
—— Heincke,	7	00	6	54	31	409	12	4
—— Schweizerbarth, for 1829,	14	00	4	67	57	316	14	4
do. 1830,	24	00	00	78	31	478	4	00
—— Wagenhals,	30	45	7	153	54	439	23	3
—— Manning,	3	75	4	131	27	430	13	00
Cand. Fast,	10	36¼	7	107	5	258	16	7
—— Melsheimer,	9	75	6	94	27	215	9	7
—— Schmidt,	12	50	5	97	35	413	13	2
—— Kugler,	00	00	4	21	8	245	1	00
—— Schæffer,	10	31	7	89	58	400	7	3
—— Rothacker,	14	62	6	79	52	481	11	1
—— Gruber,	8	50	6	57	28	153	3	1
—— Schulz, jr.	3	50	4	6	00	000	00	00
Cathechet Zerfass,	00	00	00	000	00	000	00	00
Total,	$286	77¼						

It was also reported, by several Ministers, that there were twenty-four Sunday Schools erected in their congregations.

Resolved, That Pastor Leist, C. Henkle, and Wagenhals, be a Committee to compose a Church Discipline, for the congregations within the district of our Synod, and present the same at the next Synodical Session.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to lay before the Synod a plan, relative to the monthly periodical, on to-morrow.

The Committee consists of Pastor Reichert, Schweizerbarth, and Lay-Delegate Berg.

The Session was closed with prayer.

In the evening, Pastor Shulz preached from Luke 24, 25. 26. in the German language.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10—8 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

After the opening of the Session with signing and prayer, Candidate Schmidt laid before the Synod the plan, according to which he designs teaching in our Seminary.

PLAN OF TEACHING,

For the German Theological Seminary of the Lutheran Synod of Ohio.

PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

1. Whereas, the organization as well as the adoption of the rules, according to which the institution in question is to be conducted, will be left to a Board of Directors, by whom the necessary arrangements, adequate to our present situation, will be made, therefore, reference will be had here only to the different branches that will be taught.

2. For the information of those who wish to be admitted, be it observed (*a*) that, whereas this institution is and shall continue to be a German institution, instruction will be given through the medium of the German language exclusively; and, therefore, it will be required of every one who wishes to be admitted, that he shall be able at least to read and write that language.

3. But, whereas, it is indispensably necessary, in this country, for a man of erudition also to understand the English language, the Board of Directors will, therefore, use their utmost endeavors to make such arrangements that a perfect knowledge of that language may likewise be obtained.

4. The course of studies is three years, and the first cursus will commence on the first day of October, 1830.

5. Tuition will be given gratis, but it is required that every student provide for his boarding, lodging and clothing.

The following branches will be taught:

First Cursus—Instruction, 1. *In the German language.*
2. *In the Latin language.*
3. *In the Greek language.*
4. *Logic.*
5. *Theological Encyclopedia.*

Note—Whereas, it is impracticable to acquire, during the term of three years, in connexion with the above mentioned sciences, a knowledge of the Hebrew language also, therefore, those only, who attend the institution four years, will receive instruction in the Hebrew and Classic Greek languages.

Second Cursus—*Continuation of instruction in languages in general.*
2. *Introduction into the Old and New Testament.*
3. *Archaiology.*
4. *Explanation of the New Testament in the Greek language.*

5. *Explanation of the Old Testament in the German language, with constant reference to the Hebrew original text and the septuaginta.*
6. *Church History.*
7. *Empiric Psychology.*

THIRD CURSUS—1. *Continuation of the explanation of the Bible in the Greek and German languages.*
2. *Dogmatic, connected with the history of Dogmas and Symbolic.*
3. *Christian Ethics.*
4. *Practical explanation of the Holy Scriptures, calculated for religious instruction.*
5. *Homiletick, or Pulpit Eloquence.*
6. *Catechetick, or the art of imparting religious instruction by questions and answers.*
7. *Pastoral Theology and Liturgic.*

WILLIAM SCHMIDT.

Resolved, That this plan be adopted; but that, for the present time, no Directory Board be appointed.

The Committee appointed to take into farther consideration the plan relative to the publication of a Religious Periodical, and to point out the different subjects and sources to which the Editing Committee might, in the publishing of this work, direct their attention, reported:

A. On the contents of this work.
1. The principal part shall be devoted to edification and practical instruction in the Christian religion.
2. Historical Accounts:
   a) The most important occurrences in the religious world, of ancient, but more especially, modern times.
   b) Biographical sketches of distinguished men, who exercised an especial influence upon the state of Christianity.

B. The sources:
1. Ascetic writings of ancient and modern times.
2. Religious Periodicals.
3. Church History, Monography, &c.
4. Ecclesiastical Periodicals, Proceedings of Synods, &c., Literary Journals.

As it regards a farther prosecution of this plan, the Committee are of opinion that the publication of this work should be commenced as soon as possible. But, whereas, it has been ascertained that neither a sufficient number of subscribers, nor the necessary auxiliaries, have been obtained to justify the publication of this work, and to conduct it with dignity and efficiency, the Committee, therefore, propose—

1. That the publication of this periodical be postponed until a sufficient number of subscribers (say 800) shall have been obtained; and that a Committee be appointed, with instructions, during the interval, to procure the necessary auxiliaries, by aid of the Synodical Treasury.

2. That an Editing Committee be appointed to take charge of the publication of this work the first year, without any remuneration.

3. That it be the duty of the President, as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers shall have been obtained, and the most essential auxiliaries procured, publicly to announce the publication of this periodical, and instruct the Committee, who shall be appointed on said publication, to proceed to the printing thereof without delay.

4. Finally, this Committee propose, that at the commencement of the publication of this periodical, each number shall contain no more than a medium sheet, octavo form, printed with Small Pica type; and that, if possible, the price be reduced to 75 cents.

Resolved, That this Report be accepted.

Pastor Espich, Heineke, and Wagenhals, in conjunction with the Rev. Schmidt, teacher of the Seminary, were appointed a Committee to procure auxiliaries for the periodical.

The same Committee, in conjunction with Pastor Schweizerbarth, were appointed an Editing Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That no alteration be made in the time of the Annual Session of our Synod.

Resolved, That Pastor Weygandt, Schulz, and Candidate Fast, each visit the congregations in Richland county, once within the present year, and that the Secretary notify the above congregations thereof.

Resolved, That Pastor Kaemmerer, Wagenhals, Manning, and Candidate Fast, Schæffer and Rothacker, each visit the congregation in New-Philadelphia, once within the present year.

Resolved, That Pastor Heincke, Candidate Gruber, and Schulz, each visit the congregations in Highland county, once within this year.

Resolved, That the following Ministers each visit the hereinafter named congregations, once within the present year, viz:

Pastor Espich and Candidate Schæffer, the congregations at Millersburg and Salt-creek; Pastor Kaemmerer and Kile, the congregation at Olive-Green, Morgan county, Ohio; and Pastor A. Henkel, the congregation at Walnut-Level, Wayne county, Indiana.

Resolved, That Pastor Schuh be appointed to visit the congregations in Seneca and Sandusky counties, Ohio, once within the present year; and that, at the next Session of the Synod, when he shall have reported on his Missionary services, he, for said services, receive an adequate compensation.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 o'clock.

Opened with prayer.

Resolved, That the Committee, to whose care the printing of the English Liturgy and Catechism was submitted, be authorized to draw a part of the printing expenses of said works, (though a sum not exceeding the half of said expenses) out of the Treasury, when they shall have contracted with the printer.

Resolved, That the Resolution, passed at the last Session of the Synod, viz: That all young men, who in future desire to be admitted into our body, must serve as Missionaries for the term of two or three months, before they can be located in congregations, be hereby revoked.

The place of meeting of the next Synod was then taken into consideration; and after the usual manner of voting, by ballot, it was determined that when this Synod adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Canton, Stark county, Ohio.

Resolved, That Pastor Schweizerbarth be appointed a Delegate from this body to the Rev. Lutheran Synod of West-Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the usual number of German and English Proceedings be published this year, and that they be printed on medium paper, in octavo form, and stitched in a covering; and that Pastor Wagenhals and C. Henkel translate them into the English language.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Ministers of our body, to encourage those young men in their congregations, who are pious and possessed of talents, to devote themselves to the Ministry, and to receive their theological instruction in our Seminary.

The business of the Synodical Session having been closed, the Lay-Delegates were dismissed under grateful acknowledgments for their attendance, and the friendly aid they rendered during the Session.

After which, the President affectionately addressed the assembly present, and closed the session with prayer.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

AFTERNOON—4 O'CLOCK.

Resolved, That Candidates Schmidt and Fast be ordained to the work of the Holy Ministry, this evening.

Resolved, That Pastor Wm. Schulz be recognized a member of our Ministerium.

Resolved, That the Ministerium cannot attend to the decision of the dispute between Candidate Kugler and the members of the Wolf-creek congregation, [see Report of the Sixth Committee, No. 21,] until Pastor Hewit, and two Elders, a Committee appointed to investigate that dispute, report the result to the Synod.

Resolved, That the license of Catechet Zerfass be renewed, and that he be admonished diligently to prosecute his studies, and that he continue under the care of Pastor Heincke.

Resolved, That the applicants Schulz and Rathbun be examined, and that, if they pass an examination, they be licensed.

The Committee of Examination consists of Pastor Weygandt, C. Henkel, Wagenhals, and Manning.

Resolved, That Pastor W. G. Kile be recognized a member of this Ministerium.

Resolved, That, in future, the Candidates and Catechets shall present their journals and written sermons to the President for inspection, immediately at the opening of the Synodical Session.

Resolved, That the licenses of the Candidates be renewed.

The President presented certain documents respecting Mr. D. C. Lehmus, in Canton, to the Ministerium, which were submitted to a Committee consisting of Pastor Herbst, Weygandt, and Leist, with instructions to report.

After the Committee had examined the contents of these documents, they reported as follows, viz:

That the aforenamed Mr. D. C. Lehmus purposes a journey to Canada, through the northern part of the State of Ohio, there to exercise the sacred functions of the Ministry. To this undertaking, however, he solicits the approbation of the Hon. Synod, that he might, without any hesitation, prosecute his designs. There are annexed to these documents, five credentials from Europe, bearing testimony of his excellent qualifications in the Ministry, and the purity of his conduct in life: also, a testimonial from Mr. Edward Shæffer, of Canton, in which the good reputation of Mr. Lehmus is asserted. The Committee, therefore, propose, that a credential, of the following contents, be given him, viz: "That the testimonials of Mr. Lehmus are genuine, and that he was ordained Pastor in Germany, and that his request be granted."

Resolved, That this Report be accepted.

In the evening, Candidate Schmidt preached from Luke 24, 29.

After sermon, the Candidates for ordination presented themselves to the President, and after having made the most solemn vows, they were set apart and ordained as Ministers of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the *Imposition of Hands, and prayer from the President*, assisted by the Secretary, and the elder brethren of the Ministerium.

After these solemnities, the President tendered the most grateful acknowledgments to the congregation present, for their kind reception and hospitable entertainment of the members of the Synod, and others composing this body, during the Session; and after having, under supplications to God for his Divine blessings upon those benefactors, dismissed the assembly, the business of the Ministerium was again resumed.

The Committee, appointed to examine the applicants Schulz and Rathbun, was then requested to Report.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Elihu Rathbun receive Catechet license, and be under the superintendence of Pastor Schweizerbarth.

Resolved, That Edward Schulz be advised to prosecute the study of Theology, for the term of one year, under the direction of Pas-

On the following morning, the license of Catechet Rathbun was presented to him, through the President, and he, by him, instructed in the duties which, from thenceforth, he, as a Catechet, should observe.

After these transactions, the Ministerial Synod was closed, and, on Friday morning, (the 11th of June,) the brethren took their mutual departures, under rec procal wishes of temporal and eternal prosperity.

That the above was transacted in the Synodical and Ministerial Sessions, certifieth

HENRY HEINCKE, Secretary.

GREENSBURG, (Pa.) JULY 23, 1830.

OBITUARY.

Died, on the 14th instant, the Rev. JOHN MICHAEL STECK, Senior of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Ohio, and Pastor of the Lutheran congregations in Greensburg and its vicinity, aged 73 years, 9 months, and 9 days. He was born in Germantown, Pa. the 5th of October, 1756.

This departed Father had truly been a faithful and useful laborer in the vineyard of the Divine Saviour; and, in consequence of his departure, the Church has sustained a very serious loss. He joyfully submitted to the difficulties connected with his ministerial labours, solely because the prosperity of the Saviour's kingdom had closely lain at his heart. Without the fear of man, he unreservedly reproved every species of vice, to which he had, at all times, been an enemy. He devoted much time and instruction of youth; and many of those that were confirmed by him, must testify that he had, unequivocally, been a faithful servant. He was a loving companion, an affectionate father, and a friend to the poor and needy. His immortal spirit, after having disengaged itself from the earthly tenement, took its flight to the regions of immortality and glory. He beheld the dissolution of his mortal frame gradually approaching; but, as he constantly cast a view beyond death, the grave and mortality, into the world of endless duration, where he, as a faithful servant, expected to receive the never-faiding crown of glory out of the hands of his Lord, entertained neither doubts nor fears; and, as he had fully resigned himself to the will of God, and with distinguished patience submitted to his last sufferings, the strongest evidence was given, that he had, in truth, experienced the power and efficacy of that religion which he so cordially had proclaimed among his fellow-men.

On the 16th instant, the perishable remains of this faithful Father

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in procession, evinced the high estimation in which this useful man had been held. In honor of this Father, the Rev. N. P. Hacke delivered a funeral discourse, from Hebrew 13, 7: "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation;" and was immediately followed by the Rev. Jonas Mechling, in several remarks from the same passage.

A sorrowing widow, thirteen children, and sixty-six grand children, together with the members of his congregations, were left to lament his departure.

The Gospel was his joy and song,
E'en to his latest breath;
The truth he had proclaim'd so long
Was his support in death.

Now he resides where Jesus is,
Above this dusky sphere;
His soul was ripn'd for that bliss,
While yet he sojourn'd here.